


REMARKS

Claims 21-28 remain pending in this application, with Claims 21 and 24 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended Claims 21 and 24.

Applicants merely have amended Claims 21 and 24 to correct minor matters in claims. Applicants submit that this application is allowable for the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed on February 12, 2004. Applicants request favorable consideration and allowance of this application.

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